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752 So.2d 97 (Fla.App. 1 Dist. 2000)
HEALTH CENTRAL D/B/A WEST ORANGE MANOR
AND SEDGWICK JAMES OF FLORIDA, APPELLANT,
v.
EDWIGE CESAR, APPELLEE.
No. 1D99-614
DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL OF FLORIDA,
FIRST DISTRICT.
February 28, 2000

An appeal from an order entered by Judge of Compensation Claims Richard S. Thompson.

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Per Curiam.

We conclude that the judge of compensation claims erred in precluding the employer and carrier from asserting a defense based on the statute of limitations. An employer

who fails to provide an employee with the informational brochure required by section 440.185, Florida Statutes may be estopped from asserting a statute of limitations defense, see *Gaines v. Orange County Public Utilities*, 710 So.2d 139 (Fla. 1st DCA 1998), but estoppel is not a bar to the defense in the present case because the claimant had actual knowledge of her rights under the worker's compensation laws. See *Solar Pane Insulating Glass, Inc. v. Hanssen*, 727 So.2d 961 (Fla. 1st DCA 1998). Accordingly, we must reverse the final order awarding benefits to the claimant.

WEBSTER, KAHN and PADOVANO, JJ.,
CONCUR.